Jonnagiri schist belt, Kurnool district established auriferous mineralisation over a strike length of 700 m.

National Mineral policy

2205. SHRIMATI ILA PANDA: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a National Mineral Policy for non-fuel and non-atomic minerals has been formulated by Government recently;

(b) if so, what are its main objectives;

(c) whether value-added exports will be given preference over raw-material exports; and

(d) whether Government would consider giving priority to actual users of minerals while leasing out the mines to ensure a proper linkage between mining, processing, and production of end-products?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The main objectives of the Mineral Policy are as follows:—

(i) to explore for identification of mineral wealth in the land and in off-shore areas;

(ii) to develop mineral resources taking into account the national and strategic considerations and to ensure their aeequate supply and best use keeping in view the present needs and future requirements;

(iii) to promote necessary linkages for smooth and uninterrupted development of the mineral industry to meat the needs of the country;

(iv) to promote research and development in minerals;

(v) to ensure establishment of appropriate educational and training facilities for human resources development to meet the manpower requirements of the mineral indnstry;

(vi) to minimise adverse effects of mineral development on the forest, environment and ecology through appropriate protective measures; and

(vii) ti ensure conduct of mining operations with due regard to safety and health of all concerned:

(c) Endeavour is to encourage export of value-added items as far as possible:

(d) The Mineral Policy aims to ensured that mineral processing units should not only get an assured supply of raw-material but should also have close links with the production and marketing agencies of the mineral based products:

Selection of General Manager in NMDCL, Hyderabad

2206. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received series of complaints against selection of General Manager in National Mineral Development Corporation Limited, Hyderabad;

(b) whehter recruitment rules were not followed by the company;

(c) whether Government would intervene into the matter; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) No complaint against selecrion of General Manager in National Mineral Development Corporation Limited (NMDCL) has been received.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

construction of Roads from Damoder River to Bokaro Steel City

2207. SHRI MD. SALIM: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the scheme to construct road from the Damodar river to Bokaro Steel City via Maheshpur Pochouri under peripheral development is pending for years; if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether this has been included for the year 1994; and

(c) whether there was a scheme to construct road from Telomocho bridge to Bokaro Steel City via Sector XI; if so, the details giving the approximate cost to be incurred and steps taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b) There is no scheme to construct a road from the Damodar River to Bokaro Steel City via Maheshpur Pochouri under the peripheral development department of Bokaro Steel Plant.

(c) Yes, Sir. There is a scheme to construct road from Telomocho bridgr to Bokaro Steel City via Sector-XI. The approximate cost of the scheme including the cost of a bridge falling on the road alignment is estimated at Rs. 3.5 crores. Bokaro Steel Plant is planning to execute this scheme at its own costs after obtaining requisite approvals.

Peripheral development in Bok Steel Plant

2208. SHRI MD. SALIM: Will Minister of STEEL be plesed state:

(a) whether there is any Comm tee to consider schemes for the p pheral development in Bokaro S Limited; if so, the details therof ving the names of the members co tituting the Committee;

(b) whether there is any plan include people's representatives the Committee to monitor the p pheral development work; and

(c) if so, the details therof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SH SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) (c) Yes, Sir. Bokaro Steel Pl (BSL) has constituted a Periphe Development Coordination Comm tee comprising both Official and N Official Members to plan, recomme and review the various periphe development activities. The det of the Members are as follows:—

I. Official Members (Bokaro St Plant)

1. Deputy General Manage Town Services.

2. Chief Engineer (Civil)

3. Deputy Town Administra (Engg. peripheral development)

4. Deputy Chief Personn Manager (A scheduled tribe offi nominated as a member of Committee).

II. Non Official Members

1. Shrimati Rita Verma—Lo Member of Parliament.

2. Shri Samresh Singh—Lo M.L.A.